



43rd Annual Alaska Governor's Safety & Health Conference

LEADERSHIP | EXCELLENCE | INNOVATION

THE FUTURE OF ALASKA'S WORKFORCE

Tuesday,
April 8, 2025

7:00am Exhibit Hall Open | Conference Hall Open | Breakfast

8:00am - 8:15am **Opening Ceremonies**

8:15am - 9:15am **Leading Without a Title: Empowering Alaska's New Workforce to Drive Safety Culture**
Brian Walden, SLP Alaska, LLC, Founder & CEO
 Explorer's Hall

Community Safety & Health Summit Hall Room 1	Technical Safety & Innovation Summit Hall Room 2	Leadership & Communication Summit Hall Room 3	Regulations and Policies Summit Hall Room 4
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10:00am - 11:00am Recruitment, Retention and Engagement Oh My! <i>Paula Bradison CEO, People AK</i>	Developing Exposure Assessments to Comply with EPA ECELS <i>Matt Harper, CIH, CSP & Gina Agron, MS, MBA</i>	Let's 'Talk' About Safety. ICE... <i>Jeff Jaworski Operations Manager, Homer Electric Assiation</i>	NFPA-70B Mandatory Electrical Safety Maintenance Requirements <i>Joseph Gierlach</i>
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11:15am - 12:15pm Successful Strategies for Supporting the Health and Safety of a Young and Transient Workforce <i>Katia M. Costa-Black & Naomi DuCharme</i>	Industrial Hygiene in Alaska's Welding Industry - What You Need to Know <i>Anthony Barnard, CIH, CSP</i>	Leadership Rewired: Unlocking the Power of Manipulation <i>Joshuah "Shu" Shumelda</i>	Understanding Federal Youth Employment Laws <i>Julie Tredway & Tucker Owen</i>
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12:30pm - 1:15pm **Buffet Lunch with remarks from Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**
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2:00pm - 3:00pm New Toolkit for Protecting Workers from Reproductive Hazards <i>Nancy Simcox</i>	Digitizing the Workforce <i>Jeffrey Kilfoyle</i>	The Safety and Financial Benefits of Employee Retention <i>Tanner Link</i>	Legal Aspects of Practicing Professional Safety <i>Brian Walden</i>
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3:15pm - 4:15pm Occupational Fatalities and Common Occupations Involved in Violent Deaths <i>Ashley Hannigan</i>	Advancements in Fire Extinguishing Agents <i>Erik van Elburg</i>	Crisis Response and Contingency Planning: Avoid "Flying by the Seat of Your Pants" When It Matters Most <i>Daniel Hoffman</i>	Protected Activity, Retaliation, and Building an Anti-Retaliation Program <i>Sean Eichrodt Investigator, AKOSH</i>
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Conference Reception

Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate safety with colleagues!
 All attendees are welcome.

April 8 • 4:30pm
 outside the Explorer's Hall



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8:00am -
8:30am

Welcome | Opening Remarks

8:30am -
9:30am
Explorer's
Hall

General Session Presentation: **Leading, Developing, and Training Younger Generations**
Chief Jason Beran

Community Safety & Health
Summit Hall Room 1

Technical Safety
& Innovation
Summit Hall Room 2

Leadership & Communication
Summit Hall Room 3

Regulations & Policies
Summit Hall Room 4

9:45am -
10:45am

Sleep Deprivation: An Unseen
Hazard in the Workplace

Jennifer Hines

Strengthening Workplace
Violence Prevention:
Leveraging Behavioral
Threat Assessment and
Management Practices

Caleb Lovelace

Building and Maintaining
Rapport - Eliminating
Maladaptive Behavior

Sean Eichrodt

Workers' Compensation and
You

*Charles Collins
& Michele Wall-Rood*

11:00am -
12:00pm

Construction Industry
Apprenticeship Programs in
Alaska

Suzanne McCarthy

Using Microlearning to
Improve Training

Rick Peterson

Leadership Styles and
Effective Communication

Jason Beran

Understanding Enforcement
Priorities and Emphasis
Programs

SueLynn Watts

12:30pm -
1:45pm
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Governor's Award Luncheon

Community Safety & Health
Summit Hall Room 1

Technical Safety
& Innovation
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Summit Hall Room 4

2:00pm -
3:00pm

Well-being in the Workplace:
AM I OK?

Christine West

You & Who Else? Is AI Part
of Your Team?

Mary M. Rydesky, DBA

Ahhh, SPEAK OUT! Public
Speaking in Industrial
Settings

Kumiko Helming

Safe Digging Practices:
Protecting Employees and
Communities from Utility
Hazards

Dave Mulligan

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